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SUBJECT: LIBREVILLE VISIT OF MORRISON-KNUDSON REPS

1. MAURY BROWN AND PAUL LEVINE OF IECO (MORRISON-KNUDSON) BASED IN KINSHASA WILL ARRIVE IN LIBREVILLE AT 1840 HRS AUGUST 14 TO EXAMINE PLANS FOR TRANSGABON RAILROAD. TRIP IS BEING MADE AT REQUEST FONMIN RAWIRI WHO DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MORRISON-KNUDSON WASHINGTON REP AT NEW YORK AUGUST 7 IN RESPONSE TO BONGO'S EXPRESS WISH TO DISCUSS RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH MORRISON-KNUDSON.

2. BROWN IS FLUENT IN FRENCH BUT MAY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH RAWIRI. EMBASSY SHOULD RENDER WHATEVER HELP IS REQUIRED. BROWN AND LEVINE WILL STAY OVER FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND FOR TALK WITH AMB. MCKESSON FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO LIBREVILLE. ROGERS

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